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ATTACHING COMPONENTS THEREOF

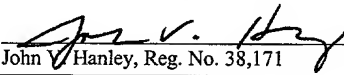
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants propose, subject to the Examiner's approval, the changes to FIGS. 1Y, 3C, 3D, 3E and 11B, as shown in red ink on the sheets of drawings enclosed herewith. Upon Examiner's approval, applicants will file corrected formal drawings. Specifically, the following changes are proposed:

FIG. 1Y: Add reference numerals "30" and "31"

FIG 3C: Add dashed lines to indicate frame "50" internal to graft material

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FIG 3D: Add dashed lines to indicate frame "50" internal to graft material and change reference numeral "51" to "151"

FIG 3E: Add dashed lines to indicate frame "50" internal to graft material, change reference numeral "51" to "151" and add additional reference numerals "155"

FIG 11B: Change reference numeral "31" to "231"

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the following substitute paragraph from the specification.

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Turning to FIG. 3D, there is shown another embodiment of the main body component 130 embodying a sealing stent 50 sewn on the inside of the graft and a second stent 151 attached to the outside of the graft. The second stent 151 is configured to open the main body component 130 as well as to provide stability to the aortic system during implantation. The fixation stent 40 is attached to the main graft component 130 using tabs of graft and the main graft component can otherwise lack scalloped sections to thereby reduce redundancy of material at the top of the graft 130.

REMARKS

By this paper, certain amendments have been made to the specification and drawings for clarification or to correct errors. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,
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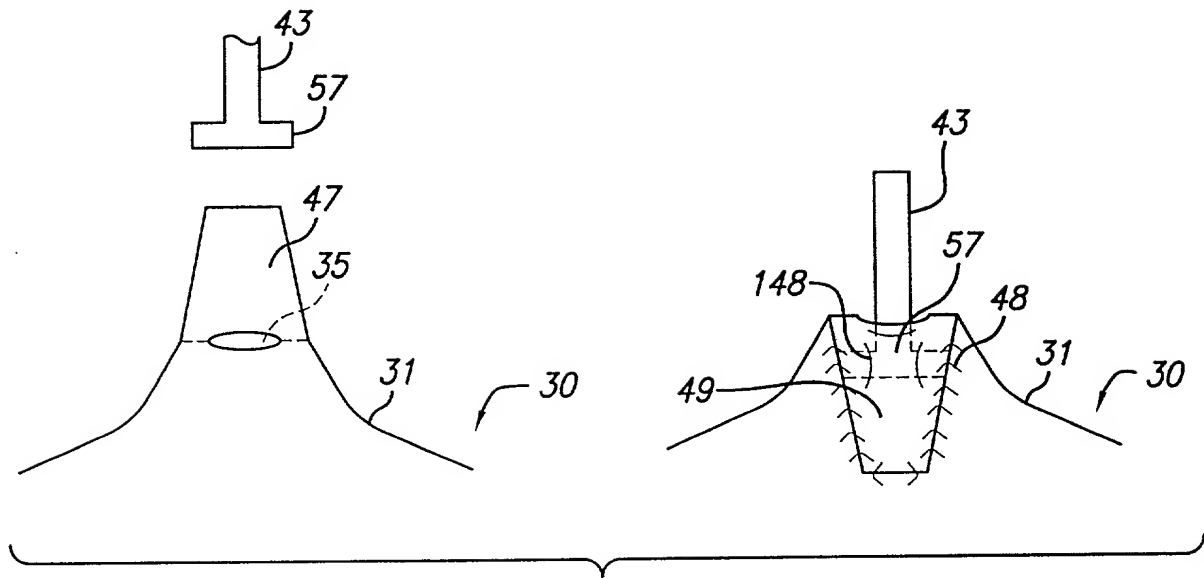


FIG. 1Z

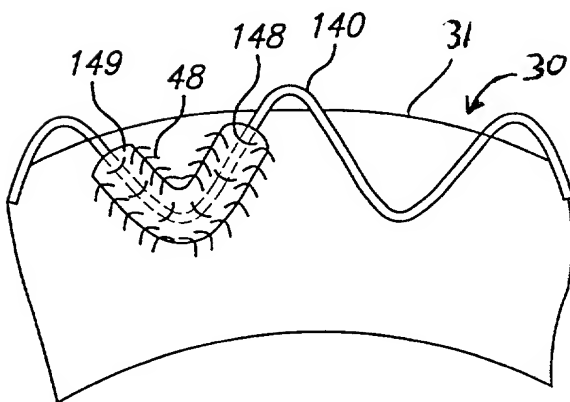


FIG. 1Y

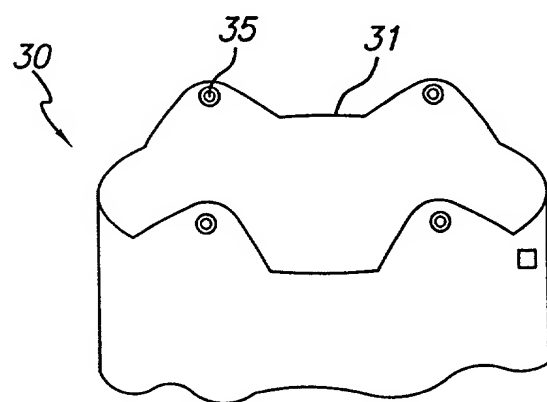


FIG. 1AA

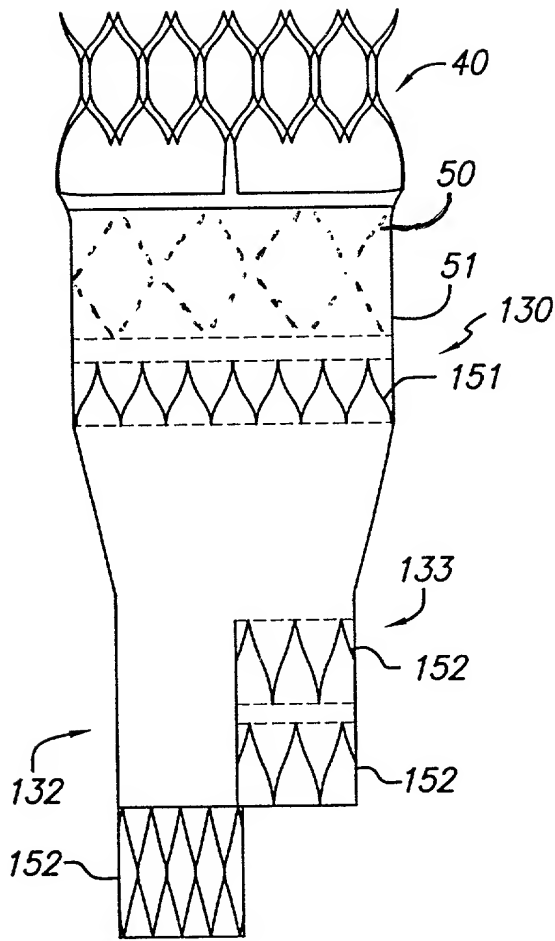


FIG. 3C

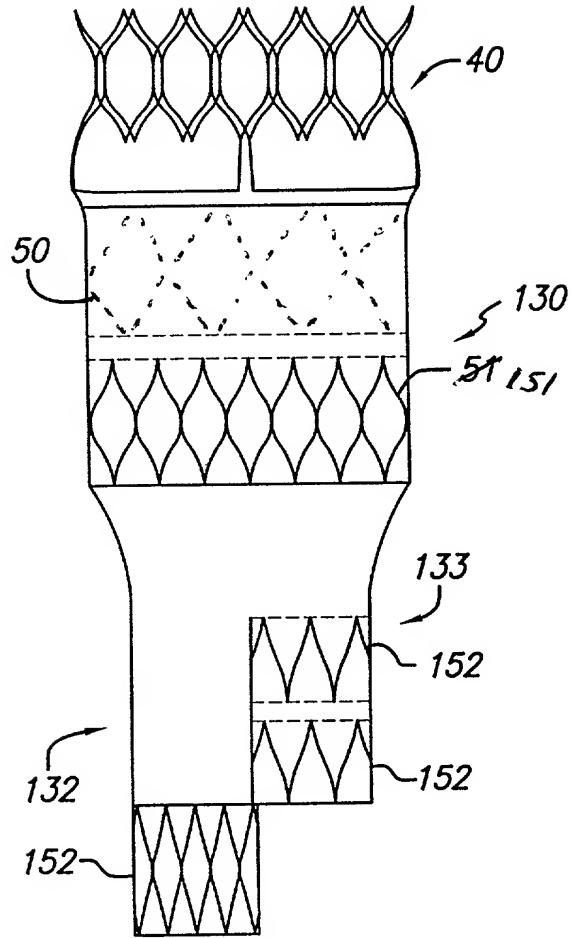


FIG. 3D

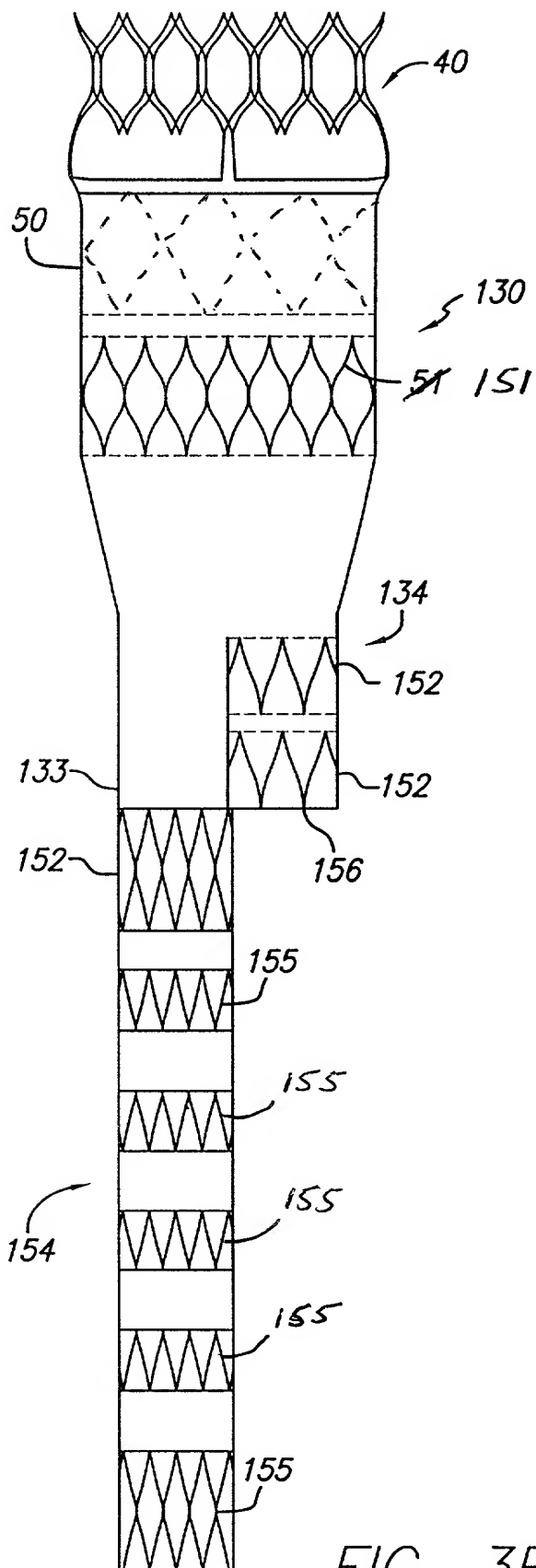


FIG. 3E

